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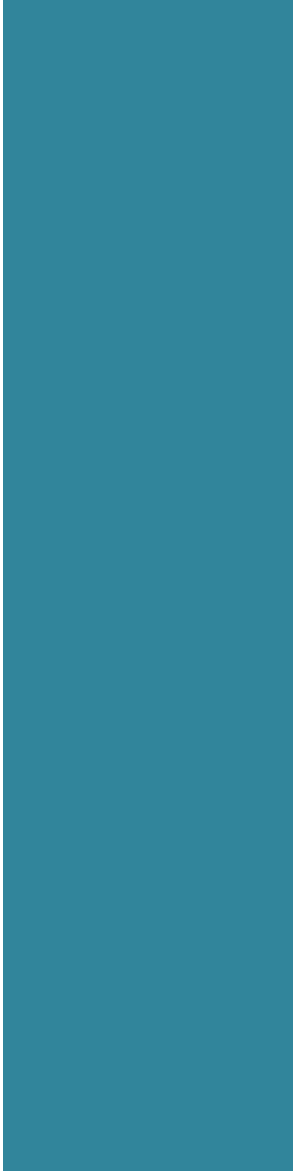
### Policy Announcements and Publications

The latest **Medication Safety Update** from the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC) can be downloaded at

[http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/Content/com-pubs\\_medication\\_safety\\_update\\_050211](http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/internet/safety/publishing.nsf/Content/com-pubs_medication_safety_update_050211)

The update contains important information including:

- NIMC User Guide January 2011
- National Labelling Recommendations for Injectable Medicines, Fluids and Lines
- NIMC Audit Web Site
- New Paediatric NIMC
- NIMC e-learning package
- Prevention of Venous Thromboembolism
- Antimicrobial stewardship
- Medication safety alerts

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- New unapproved abbreviation
  - Coumadin and Coversyl confusion
  - Medication Reconciliation Seminar
  - Medication Reconciliation Resources

### **National Health Reform: A better deal for all Australians**

The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) have agreed to a new deal on health that delivers national health reform that will last, built on a genuine partnership between the Australian Government and the States and Territories.

The Australian Government will invest a guaranteed extra \$19.8 billion in public hospitals – matched by tough national standards to make sure that money goes straight to hospitals and straight to patients.

National Health Reform will see every person in Australia benefit, no matter where they live.

This will deliver a better deal for patients through:

- More money, more beds, more local control and more transparency.
- Less bureaucracy, less waste and less waiting.
- As part of the approach to the National Health Reform the Australian Government will have a renewed focus on the delivery of stronger primary health care to get people the services they need in their local communities and keep people well and out of hospital.

Implementation of these reforms will include stronger clinical engagement to ensure that the voices of clinicians all over the country are heard in the process.

To learn more, review the COAG Heads of Agreement at

[http://www.coag.gov.au/coag\\_meeting\\_outcomes/2011-02-13/docs/communique\\_attachment\\_20110213.pdf](http://www.coag.gov.au/coag_meeting_outcomes/2011-02-13/docs/communique_attachment_20110213.pdf)

### **A new booklet *Improving Primary Health Care for All Australians* is now available**

This booklet explains why primary health care is important; why it needs to be improved and what the changes will mean. It also provides further details on Medicare Locals, and their central role in improving the primary health care system. View the booklet at

<http://yourhealth.gov.au/internet/yourhealth/publishing.nsf/Content/featurednews-20110222a>

**Are you interested in becoming a Medicare Local?**

A key component of the Australian Government's National Health Reforms is the establishment of a new nationwide network of Medicare Locals to be locally responsive, to address local needs, to improve access to services and to drive integration across the health care system.

The Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing now invites applications to establish Medicare Locals across Australia at <http://yourhealth.gov.au/internet/yourhealth/publishing.nsf/Content/featurednews-20110222b>

### **News and Events**

***"Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency legislation released"*** (24/2/11) - The Gillard Government has today released for public comment the draft of legislation establishing the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA). Download this media release at

[http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Evans/Media/Releases/Pages/Article\\_110224\\_100724.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Evans/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_110224_100724.aspx)

***"Government strengthens support to regional students"*** (22/2/11) - Rural and regional students across Australia can now apply for additional assistance to attend university under the \$20 million Rural Tertiary Hardship Fund. Download this media release at

[http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Evans/Media/Releases/Pages/Article\\_110222\\_152428.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Evans/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_110222_152428.aspx)

***"Regional students to get a better deal on income support"*** (21/2/11) - The Gillard Government today announced it will bring forward by twelve months a comprehensive review of student income support, with a particular focus on the capacity of rural and regional students to access higher education. Download this media release at

[http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Evans/Media/Releases/Pages/Article\\_110221\\_095315.aspx](http://www.deewr.gov.au/Ministers/Evans/Media/Releases/Pages/Article_110221_095315.aspx)

***"Depression in the bush: beyondblue presents roadmap"*** – This NRHA media release can be downloaded at <http://nrha.ruralhealth.org.au/cms/uploads/mediareleases/mr%20depression%20in%20the%20bush%2018%20feb%202011.pdf> The media release highlights some of the core issues relating to mental health in rural and remote areas that will be dealt with at the 11th National Rural Health Conference to be held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre in Perth, 13-16 March 2011.

The **PCC4U project** is an initiative of the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing, through the

National Palliative Care Program. Download their Fact Sheet at <http://www.caresearch.com.au/Caresearch/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=%2f7MUjoSkDgE%3d&tabid=1687>  
The latest newsletter will be attached in PDF format.

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) of the Department of Health and Ageing encourages health professionals to report all suspected adverse events associated with medicines and devices. Download information on how to report a problem with a medicine or medical device at <http://www.tga.gov.au/problem/ade-hp.htm>

### **Research News**

***“First Nursing Centre of Research Excellence at Griffith”*** – The media release announcing the establishment of the National Centre of Research Excellence in Nursing (NCREN) at Griffith University is attached in PDF format. The Centre is the first of its kind in Australia and received \$2.5m in funding when it was announced late last year.

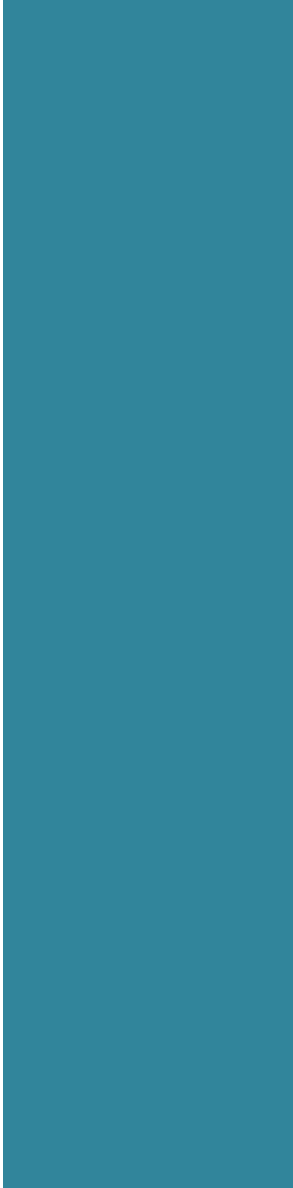
### **ERA 2012 Ranked Outlets Public Consultation**

The ERA 2012 Ranked Outlets Public Consultation is now open. The public consultation website is available at: [http://www.arc.gov.au/era/era\\_2012/review\\_of\\_era10\\_ranked\\_outlet\\_lists.htm](http://www.arc.gov.au/era/era_2012/review_of_era10_ranked_outlet_lists.htm).

The review occurs in two phases, the first being a public consultation, followed by a second phase where contracted peak bodies and academic groups review the public feedback received during Phase 1. The contracted peak bodies and academic groups will be responsible for making recommendations to the ARC regarding the final determination of the ERA 2012 ranked outlets.

Please note the following key dates for the public consultation:

Public consultation opens	14 February 2011
New journal and conference submission closes	8:00am (AEDT), 21 March 2011
Public consultation closes	8:00am (AEST), 4 April 2011



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If you have previously made submissions to the ARC regarding changes to the ERA 2010 Ranked Journal or Conference list, you will need to check the list as they have received some competing requests. Feedback regarding rank or Field of Research (FoR) code changes has not been made to the draft list due to conflicting advice received. This will also ensure that the original ERA 2010 lists are available for broader public consultation.

Please note that all submissions to individual outlets must be made through the Ranked Outlets Public Consultation webpage. The ARC will not accept any other forms of submission. This is to ensure that the details of your submission are accurately recorded and to minimise data entry issues when the ARC passes on the consultation information to contracted peak bodies and academic groups in Phase 2 of the consultation. Further information regarding ERA 2012 is available at: [http://www.arc.gov.au/era/era\\_2012/era\\_2012.htm](http://www.arc.gov.au/era/era_2012/era_2012.htm)

### **Conferences**

The **5th Annual National Dementia Research Forum** hosted by Dementia Collaborative Research Centres – An Australian Government Initiative

Date: 22 and 23 & 23 September 2011

Venue: Wesley Conference Centre, Pitt Street, Sydney

Keynote Speaker: Ronald C Peterson, MD., PhD, Director of the Mayo Alzheimer's Disease Research Centre, USA.

Closing Date for Abstracts: 30 June 2011

Further information: [dementiacrc@unsw.edu.au](mailto:dementiacrc@unsw.edu.au) or [www.dementia.unsw.edu.au](http://www.dementia.unsw.edu.au)

Register for the **11th National Rural Health Conference** to be held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre in Perth on 13-16 March 2011 at <http://11nrhc.ruralhealth.org.au/>

**9<sup>th</sup> International Conference for Emergency Nurses** hosted by the College of Emergency Nursing Australasia (CENA) at the Adelaide Convention Centre, 28 September – 1 October 2011. For the Sponsorship and Education Prospectus, go to <http://www.cdesign.com.au/cena2011/>

### **Appointments**



### Membership changes

- Professor Elaine Duffy, Head, School of Nursing and Midwifery, Griffith University (effective 21/3/11)
- Professor Elizabeth Patterson, Head, Discipline of Nursing and Midwifery, RMIT University
- Professor Nick Santamaria, Acting Head, School of Nursing, Chair of Nursing Research, The University of Melbourne

### Committee Representation

- Patrick Crookes will be the CDNМ representative on the **HWA National Training Plan Governance Committee**
- Eimear Muir-Cochrane is representing CDNМ on the **beyondblue Expert Reference Group for their Nurses' Mental Health Project**